

IB STEERING COMMITTEE NOTES 1/28/13

Attendees:

Na'imah Salahuddin, Bob Smith, Faith Hubbard, Jennifer Skates, Diane Riley, Shirley Turner, Linda Cherry, Kelly Raben, Benjamin, Lookner, Catherine Chu, Steve Zagami, Cosby Hunt.

The meeting began at 5:38PM when Ms. Salahuddin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bob Smith to briefly reviewed what the committee has discussed at previous meetings, including how the IB program will work with IMPACT.

Dr. Turner introduced the opening activity, "Taking Responsibility." We were asked to turn to our partners and discuss the following:

If I took 10% more responsibility for my life, I would. . .

If I took 10% more responsibility for my relationships, I would. . .

If I took 10% more responsibility for my own happiness, I would. . .

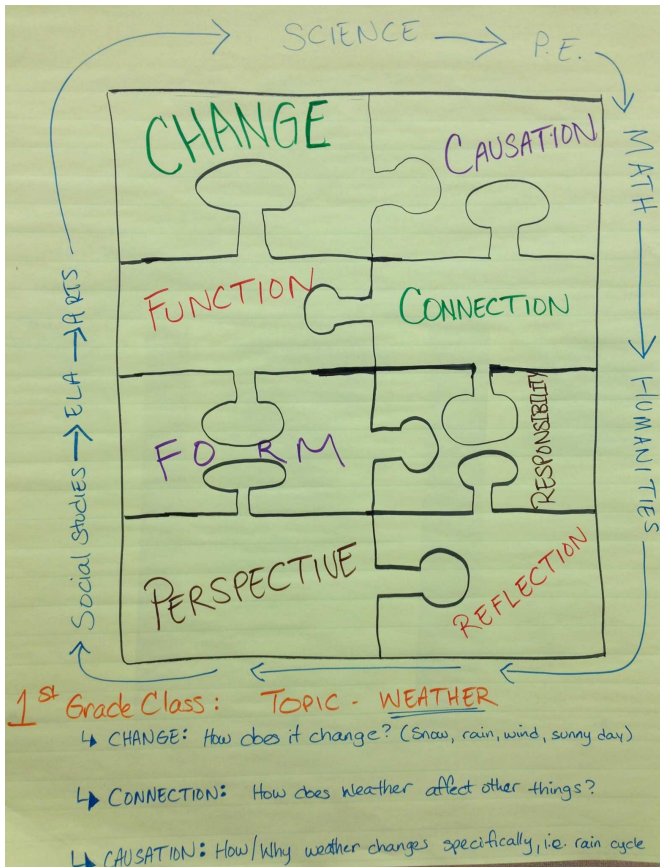
After a few minutes, one partner from each pair shared what they had discussed. Dr. Turner asked us, in light of our discussions, to reflect on what we are asking our students to take responsibility for.

The purpose of today's meeting was to investigate some of the core components of the Primary Years Programme. Three groups were each assigned a core component to read about in the booklet, *The Primary Years Programme: A basis for practice*.

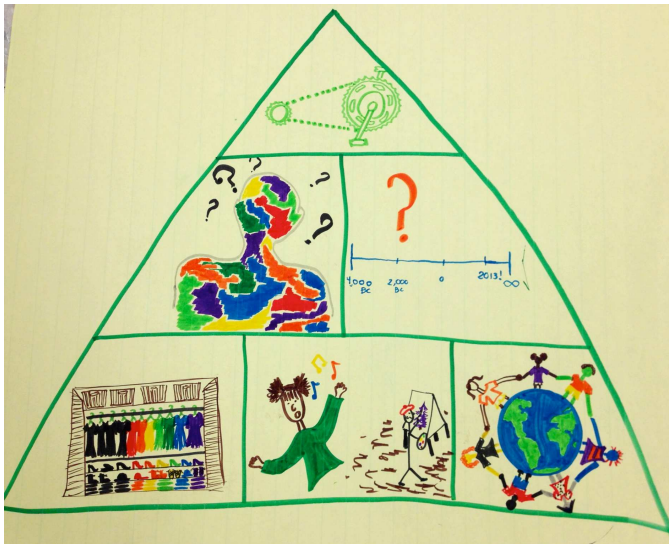
Each group created a graphic to illustrate what they had learned:



1) Inquiry as a pedagogical approach: based on students curiosity and allows students to be actively involved in their own learning.



2) A concept driven curriculum: an illustration of the eight concepts around which the curriculum is built.



3) The transdisciplinary nature of the program:

- I. Who we are
- II. Where we are in place and time
- III. How we express ourselves
- IV. How the works works
- V. How we organize ourselves
- VI. Sharing the planet

Bob Smith then answered some questions and asked us to look at a PYP curriculum document from H.D. Cooke, which itself answered some of our questions surrounding the planning process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2013 at 5:30 pm.